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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is not agreed to. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Preister, an amendment to LB 1234. Enrollment and Review reports LB 1107, LB 1107A as correctly engrossed. Revenue Committee reports LB 1124 to General File with amendments attached. (Legislative Journal pages 1070-1072.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Once again, this motion is for discussion purposes, and I intend to engage in a good deal of discussion on this amendment, not necessarily the bogus amendments that are being offered but the main one which is to do away with that Wilderness Camp. Nobody else is saying anything, so I don't know what others feel, but it's also demonstrating something that I talked about earlier. People come to me for help on their bills. I don't get anything out of this Legislature, so I'm just reminding you of that point, but I can get some time, and that's what I am going to get. I've had people come to me and say, this amendment is such and such, I need to add it to this bill, I need it. And I say, you convinced me, I'm not going to oppose it, and it was added. I've had that happen to me during this session, believe it or not, before meltdown was reached. I stated at the outset that I'll do everything I can to prevent this Wilderness Camp and acknowledge that maybe I can't stop it, but I can work these bills. And I need to demonstrate that I mean what I say. Senator Don Pederson has done a lot of talking on this bill, but he has not been able to discuss it with his usual thoroughness and fact-based argument, because he doesn't know what he needs to know to defend this. So, what did he have to do? He had to say the people who want this contract told us what a great job they're doing in other states and, since they're the ones who would be running the program in this state, the same thing will happen in this state that they said happened in the other. He